New Orleans, Louisiana
March 29, 1967

**ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 22, 1963**

Layton Patrick Martens, a student at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, residence address 404 South Wakefield Drive, Lafayette, Louisiana, whose New Orleans address is 3022 Constance Street, appeared at the New Orleans Office of the FBI on March 27, 1967 and voluntarily furnished the following information:

Martens stated he had been subpoenaed to testify before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury on Wednesday, March 29, 1967, in connection with District Attorney James Garrison's investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

Martens stated that from information in his possession it appears that District Attorney Garrison is going to attempt to embarrass President Johnson and also to bring Senator Robert Kennedy's name into his investigation. Martens stated that Garrison has no cause to go in the direction in which he has gone with his investigation in regard to Clay Shaw, David Ferrie and Perry Russo.

Martens said that the inference is that District Attorney Garrison is going to involve Arcacha Smith in to the assassination of President Kennedy as the second trigger man. Martens advised that Garrison was attempting to identify Arcacha Smith with the assassination plot through Arcacha Smith's association with Ferrie, through the Cuban Revolutionary Front (FRD) and through him (Martens). Martens related that he was an authorized representative of the Provisional Government of Cuba in New Orleans in 1961 and in this capacity had solicited funds for the organization from various citizens

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and businessmen. He stated that he had carried an identification card showing his affiliation with the organization for identification purposes. He stated that Senator Robert Kennedy had approved this activity and he feels Garrison may bring Senator Kennedy's name into the assassination investigation in this manner.

Martens informed he was interviewed by Garrison shortly before Christmas, 1966 and was told that at the time of the assassination the District Attorney's office had developed information concerning Ferrie but that the FBI had stepped in and conducted investigation and the state file had never been closed. Martens said he was informed the District Attorney's office desired statements from everyone so that the state file could be closed. Martens stated he was questioned about David Ferrie, the Cuban Revolutionary Front, about himself, the identities of any additional individuals who accompanied Ferrie to Texas on the day of the assassination of President Kennedy and the reason for Ferrie's trip to Texas. Martens stated he took a polygraph examination while at District Attorney Garrison's office, which was positive in his favor.

Martens said that he was subsequently contacted by news reporters from Channel 6 TV in Lafayette, Louisiana, and according to these reporters they had been led to him by someone from Garrison's office. These news reporters claimed that Perry Russo had contacted them trying to sell his story for $1,000. The news reporters said that after talking to Perry Russo for four hours they realized they had lost four hours of news time as well as the film they had used.

Martens said that according to these reporters, when Russo was unsuccessful in selling his story to them he then went to District Attorney Garrison's office. Martens stated that Russo's testimony is completely false and is full of "holes". He stated that Russo's story was incongruous with the facts as he knew them and the facts as other persons knew them.

Martens related that from at least early September, 1963 and possibly from the beginning of the Summer of that year he had visited David Ferrie's apartment at least three or four times per week. He commented that he had lived in Ferrie's apartment for two weeks prior to the assassination of President Kennedy. Martens stated that he knew of no such party as described by Perry Russo in his testimony during the hearing on Clay Shaw ever being held in Ferrie's apartment. Martens stated that he felt sure that due to his close association and frequent contacts with David Ferrie if any such party had occurred he would at least have had knowledge of it.

Martens advised that approximately two weeks ago an unrecalled representative of Garrison's office telephonically contacted him in Lafayette, Louisiana, asking him to report to the District Attorney's office for further questioning. Martens said he appeared at District Attorney Garrison's office with his attorney, Milton Brener. Martens stated that Assistant District Attorneys Alcock and Oser went over practically the same ground covered on his prior interview but at this time also included questions concerning Clay Shaw. Martens said he knows Clay Shaw, whom he considers as an acquaintance. Martens stated that he has played chess with Shaw on several occasions. Martens said he told the representatives of Garrison's office that Clay Shaw and David Ferrie were not associates and he doubts seriously if they knew one another. Martens claims he was asked at that time if he would take another polygraph test and told the District Attorney's representatives that he would, however, no polygraph examination was given him during this interview.

Martens informed that on Friday, March 24, 1967, Bill Elder, Channel 4 TV, New Orleans, told him that another "big man" who is close to President Johnson and in constant contact with the President will be indicted on Wednesday, March 29, 1967. According to Elder, there are eleven people whom Garrison is going to involve in the assassination plot. Out of this number of persons Garrison is going to get two convictions and five individuals will be released without any prosecutive action. Martens said that Elder did not identify any of the above mentioned individuals.

Martens stated that over the preceding weekend he had been in contact with Donald Doody, who has been questioned by District Attorney Garrison's representatives, and that Doody told him that from the line of questioning by Garrison's representatives Doody believes that Martens is the person who will be indicted on Wednesday, March 29, 1967.

Martens advised that Bill Elder had contacted him on the morning of March 27, 1967, asking for an interview and at that time Elder verified that Martens may be indicted by the Orleans Parish Grand Jury in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy.

Martens also commented that District Attorney Garrison considers him to be the fourth ranking man in the Provisional Government of Cuba under Arcacha Smith. He also said that from information from various news representatives Garrison is "pushing" to get the Central Intelligence Agency involved in the conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

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